

Colorado Cares Day

2008 Report

Fulfilling Colorado's Promise



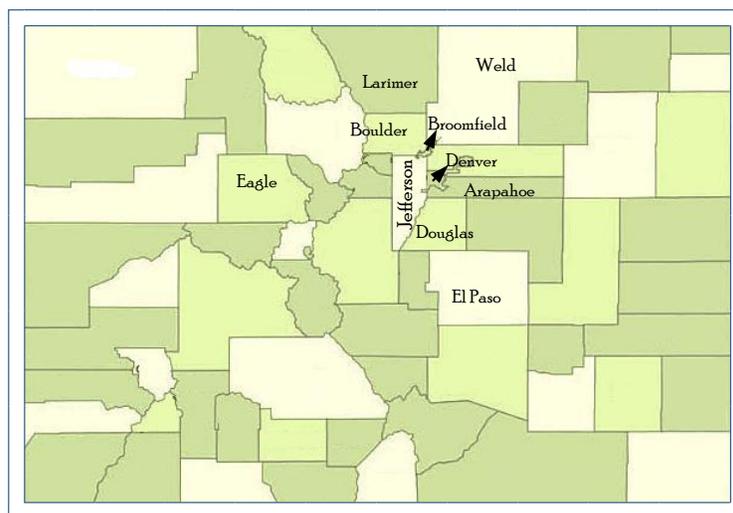
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A little bit of time makes a big difference!



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August 15, 2008

Dear Volunteers and Community Partners:

I would like to share my gratitude to the volunteers, organizations, and businesses that gave so much for this year's 10th Annual Colorado Cares Day.

Colorado Cares Day is a statewide day of service in honor of Colorado's statehood. On the final Saturday of July each year, all Colorado residents are encouraged to join together in planning activities and working to give back to their communities. I am proud to say that this year our residents once again answered this call of service. More than 30 service projects were conducted in counties across the state. Thousands of volunteers came together and tens of thousands of hours were devoted to projects in the areas of youth development, education, environment, health, and fighting poverty.

On this the 10th anniversary of the statewide day of service, it is wonderful to see Coloradoans continue to share their time and energy in serving their communities. The hard work and dedication you gave is greatly appreciated. I encourage you to continue serving your neighborhoods, communities, towns, and cities. Every effort we make brings us all closer together and allows us to share in the *Colorado Promise* to make Colorado a better place to live.

With sincere appreciation,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara O'Brien".

Barbara O'Brien
Lt. Governor



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August 16, 2008

Dear Partners in Service:

On behalf of the Governor's Commission on Community Service, it gives me great pleasure to express our gratitude to the thousands of volunteers who helped make this year's Colorado Cares Day a great success.

We have seen community volunteerism come full-circle in Colorado. This year, for example, we witnessed volunteers gathering and distributing school supply donations for children, while, in another project, we saw children join in to help restore hiking trails in our state parks. These examples demonstrate that we live in a state where volunteerism and civic engagement are instilled in our culture...and in our children!

To all of you who worked so hard to make the most of this day of service for Colorado, the Governor's Commission on Community Service again says again "thank you." We encourage you to continue your great work, and hope that you will show your support again for the 11th Annual Colorado Cares Day in 2009!

Sincerely,

Christine Benero, Chair
Governor's Commission on Community Service



Colorado Cares about... Community Service



Eleven volunteers cleaned-up the grounds, trimmed bushes and shrubs, lawns and hedges of the Dominican Sisters Home Health Agency of Denver.

"Dominican Sisters have been at this location since 1923 we take a lot of pride in maintaining the property because appearance matters, but also because we see the Convent as a historical treasure." - Brenda B. Thomas



The Corporation for National and Community Service Colorado State Office, working with the Colorado AmeriCorps Alumni Association and the Arc Thrift Store Warehouse, facilitated the donation of approximately 100 adult general reading books and about 1200 children's books to Volunteers of America RSVP and Eaton Terrace Senior Programs.



Seventy-five volunteers helped with morning registration, aid support stations, and at the post-party at the Colorado-Eagle River Ride bike event. The 100-mile road bike ride is the largest fundraising event of the year for SOS Outreach.

United Way of Larimer County's Volunteer Center coordinated the "Summer Day of Service." The volunteers served at Neighbor to Neighbor, an affordable housing organization in Fort Collins. They helped to paint a picket fence of a new community garden for residents, as well as worked to clear debris from a pond that will be turned into a recreation area for families.



Colorado Cares about... Health



Volunteers representing Hewlett Packard, Avago Technologies and United Way helped by sorting through a large storage shed and inventoried the contents. These volunteers helped Angel House agency. After completing their service they enjoyed a tour and an overview of the agency's mission, goals and programs.





As part of the statewide Colorado Cares Day, the Westminster Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints organized a food drive to help replenish the shelves of FISH, a Broomfield organization that helps needy families in the Broomfield and Westminster areas.



They were welcomed by Broomfield Mayor Pat Quinn, Westminster Stake President Larry Hickman, and Shirley McGinnis who is the director of FISH. Over 3418 pounds were donated to FISH on Saturday, July 26th. Over 350 volunteers participated in the project, donating approximately 800 hours of service.



Colorado Cares about... Public-Private Partnerships



Thanks to volunteers the HomeAid Discovery Home was painted and landscaped.



This project was sponsored by **Wells Fargo Bank**, along with **Denver Children's Home**.

Over 900 tons of gravel, donated by **Western Summit Constructors**, were moved into place in one day by 1000 volunteers from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints .

The gravel was used to create a 5k trail at the Aurora Reservoir. The new public trail, certified by the U.S. Track and Field Association, will also be used for triathlons and other events expected to draw participants from around the country.



Volunteers from four churches in Highlands Ranch and Roxborough helped with the third annual Interfaith Community Food Drive.

These 475 volunteers collected 21,500 pounds of food and other household items for the Interfaith Community Service.

The corporate partners for this event were:

- **Fed-ex Kinkos**
- **King Soopers**
- **Mesa Systems, a United Van Lines Agent**



Colorado Cares about... The Environment

The Mile High Youth Corps divided its volunteers into two teams: The Red Rocks Team and the Bluff Lake Team.



Bluff Lake Team:

Thirty-three volunteers helped refine 300 feet of trail with crusher fine, they also laid out boulders to define the trail. This team also secured a 250 foot long boardwalk by re-bolting 116 handrail post.

Red Rocks Team:

Composed of 18 volunteers, the team covered 800 feet of trail with crusher fine for Red Rocks Elementary School. The trail will serve as a path for different outdoor education learning stations.



Volunteers helped with a community improvement project in the Lanyon Park neighborhood of Longmont. They cleaned alleyways and parks, removed trash, weeds, eradicated graffiti, and planted flowers. There was a barbecue with community residents and volunteers following the cleanup.



Colorado Cares about... Youth Development

Kid Spree provided thousands of children with a fun-filled day of hands-on activities. Volunteers painted a tiny tot town every color under the rainbow. Also, they created a party hat fit for a king or queen.

Members of the Columbine Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-days Saints assembled basic school supplies into kits that will help 1,600 low-income children in South Jefferson County elementary schools.



"Thank you so much for the school supplies. As you know, this can be a very difficult time for parents and children. Students always look forward to new supplies but sometimes families are unable to provide the needed supplies" - Connie Brasher, Columbine Hills Elementary principal.

The Eagle County Youth Leaders Council completed their first service project for the year at the Betty Ford Alpine Gardens in Vail.



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Dear Service Community,

It is my pleasure to present the 2008 Colorado Cares Day Report on behalf of the staff of the Governor's Commission on Community Service. 10th Anniversary of the statewide day of service marks a special milestone this report has a very special meaning to the commissioners and staff members.

Colorado has a very long history of volunteerism and community service. We are a leader in service not only for this region, but also for the entire country.

- Colorado ranks 8th in the US for the rate of volunteer service performed by college students as nearly 40% of college students in Colorado serve their communities.
- The state is 16th among states in the volunteer rate of adults aged 65 and older with 27% of Coloradoans aged 65 and over serving their communities.
- We rank 18th among states in the average volunteer hours per resident per year.
- On average, Colorado's 1.2 million volunteers dedicate 160.7 millions hours of service per year. This equates to an estimated \$3.1 billion economic contribution back to the state.*

As the Governor's Commission on Community Service continues to carry out its mission to promote volunteerism, I'd like to thank all of you who participated in this year's event, and encourage you and others to continue supporting community service in your state. We hope to see you at next year's Colorado Cares Day!

Sincerely,

Toya M. Nelson, Executive Director
 Governor's Commission on Community Service

* - Data gathered from the Corporation for National and Community Service Volunteering in America website:
<http://www.volunteeringinamerica.gov/state.cfm?state=CO>



Project Matrix

County	Project Category	Project Description
Arapahoe	Environmental	Volunteers cleaned up at Melvin Lewis Cemetery
Arapahoe	Youth Development	Kid Spree provided thousands of children with a fun-filled day of hands-on activities. Volunteers painted a tiny tot town every color under the rainbow.
Arapahoe	Health	Volunteers held a food drive for the Interfaith Food Drive and a School Supply Drive for Arapahoe House.
Arapahoe	Private-Public Partnership	Over 900 tons of gravel, donated by Western Summit Constructors , were moved into place in one day by volunteers from <i>The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints</i> to create a much-anticipated 5k trail at the Aurora Reservoir.
Arapahoe	Environmental	AmeriCorp NCCC's Summer of Service Program cleaned-up and restored the Cherry Creek Park.
Boulder	Education	Volunteers Painted Classrooms at Platt Middle School for the new school year.
Boulder	Other	Beadforlife Product Assembly Project.
Boulder	Community Service	Volunteers helped at the Calvary Baptist Church "All Dreamer" picnic. It was a day of activities, food, and celebration for all of their "Dreamers", staff, board members, sponsors, volunteers, and "Dreamer" families.
Boulder	Environmental	Volunteers helped with a community improvement project in the Lanyon Park neighborhood of Longmont. They cleaned alleyways and parks, removed trash, weeds, eradicated graffiti, and planted flowers. There was a barbeque with community residents and volunteers following the cleanup.
Boulder	Other	Volunteers assisted in bringing the Traveling Vietnam Wall to Colorado. They assisted in a variety of roles including the reading of the names, assistance with directing traffic and parking, keeping the grounds and Wall clean, staffing the volunteer, information, and computer tents, locating names on the Wall, and more.
Broomfield	Health	Over 350 volunteers organized a food drive to help FISH, a food bank in Broomfield. Members of the <i>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints</i> picked up and delivered food to the food bank. Over 3418 pounds were donated to FISH.



Project Matrix Continued

Denver	Education	Volunteers helped sort through thousands of books for the Accelerated Reader Program.
Denver	Education	Volunteers went to Force Elementary as part of Metro Volunteers' Hands On Schools program. Combining the resources of parents, communities and corporate volunteers in an innovative approach, Hands On Schools aims to reestablish schools as the focal point of the community.
Denver	Health	Volunteers helped Project Angel Heart deliver nutritious meals to more than 750 people living with life-threatening illnesses in Denver.
Denver	Community Service	Volunteers cleaned-up the grounds, trimmed bushes and shrubs, lawns and hedges of the Dominican Sisters Home Health Agency of Denver.
Denver	Private-Public Partnerships	Sponsored by Wells Fargo Bank , along with Denver Children's Home and thanks to volunteers the Discovery Home was painted and was landscaped.
Denver	Community Service	Community members donated their time by painting walls and landscaping at the MiCasa Resource Center for Women.
Denver	Community Service	The Colorado Dragon Boat Festival is the region's premier pan-Asian celebration, including performances, cuisine, Market-Place, children's activities and Dragon Boat Races.
Denver	Environmental	The Mile High Youth Corps divided its volunteers into two teams: The Red Rocks Team and the Bluff Lake Team. Each team cleaned trails and other various tasks.
Denver	Education	Volunteers joined in the kick-off for the 9News Stuff for Students School Supply Drive. The project entailed distributing the supply barrels to 20 local WalMart stores throughout the Denver metro area.
Douglas	Private-Public Partnership	Volunteers from <i>Pax Christi Catholic Church, St. Andrews United Methodist Church, St. Mark Catholic Church</i> and <i>The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints - Highlands Ranch Stake</i> held a food drive for Interfaith Community Service. With the help of corporate sponsors, Fed-ex Kinkos, King Soopers and Mesa Systems, a United Van Lines Agent this food drive was able to raise over 21,000 pounds of food and household items.

Douglas	Environmental	Families of volunteers from the <i>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints</i> cleaned up trash along the Cherry Creek Trail.
Eagle	Youth Development	The Eagle County Youth Leaders Council completed their first service project for the year at the Betty Ford Alpine Gardens in Vail.
Eagle	Community Service	Volunteers helped with morning registration, aid support stations and at the post-party at the Colorado-Eagle River Ride bike event. The 100-mile road bike ride is the largest fundraising event of the year for SOS Outreach.
El Paso	Health	Volunteers helped Project Angel Heart deliver nutritious meals to more than 750 people living with life-threatening illnesses in Colorado Springs.
Jefferson	Youth Development	Members of the Columbine Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-days Saints assembled basic school supplies into kits that will help about 1,600 low-income children in South Jefferson County elementary schools.
Jefferson	Education	Volunteers boxed donated books for distribution to national service programs and the programs with which they work.
Larimer	Community Service	United Way of Larimer County's Volunteer Center coordinated the "Summer Day of Service." The volunteers served at Neighbor to Neighbor, an affordable housing organization in Fort Collins. They helped to paint a picket fence of a new community garden for residents, as well as worked to clear debris from a pond that will be turned into a recreation area for families.
Larimer	Environmental	People and children helped Volunteers for Outdoors Colorado repair trails at Horsetooth Falls.
Larimer	Community Service	Volunteers participated in several outdoor projects at Neighbor to Neighbor, an organization that provides affordable housing for those in need
Weld	Youth Mentoring	Volunteers helped Weld County Youth Alternatives Mentors and Friends mentor youth ages 8-17.

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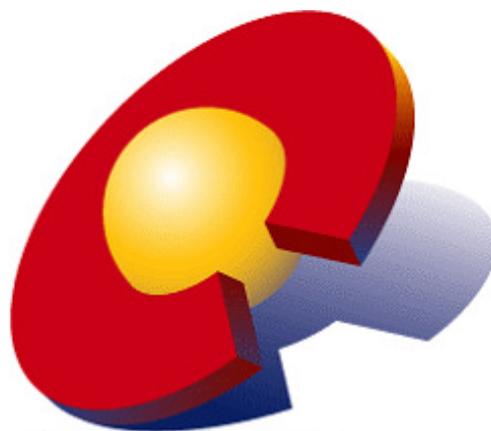
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Saturday, July 25, 2009



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